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THE WHOLE PARISH ENTHUSIASTIC FOR THE WHOLE WORLD

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WHAT DO YOU WANT?

BEFORE the opening of another missionary campaign in the parish it is natural for those interested in missions to decide what they want the campaign to accomplish, and, facing local conditions, to plan and pray. This process suggests questions like the following:

Would the organizing or the vitalizing of a single society in the parish make me ready to sing my Nunc Dimittis?

Would a healthy Junior Auxiliary make me content?

Would I be satisfied with a Sunday-school that adds to its gifts faith in missions, and to this faith, knowledge?

Would I be content to reach the women or men or any fraction of the parish?

Or is it my definite aim to make the whole parish enthusiastic for the whole world?

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

A whole parish becomes enthusiastic for the whole world through the persistent enthusiasm of a few people having missionary knowledge.

Your parish needs the missionary stimulus that you alone can give it. What is your part in the campaign? What can you do?

(*a*) Everyone can pray more earnestly for missions. Everyone can pray more intelligently for missions. Everyone can study missions individually, and can circulate books he has found interesting. Everyone can secure subscriptions to THE SPIRIT OF MISSIONS.

(*b*) Most of us can deepen the spirit of intercessory prayer in some missionary society.

Most of us can see that interesting facts from the mission field are told at the meetings of other parish societies. Most of us can tell missionary stories to children.

(*c*) Many of us can arrange for a few systematic programme missionary meetings at sessions of a men's club, brotherhood chapter, a Woman's Auxiliary, a Girls' Friendly Society, Daughters of the King, or local guild.

Many of us could organize or lead a mission study class.

(*d*) Some of us could train others to lead study classes, or see that such leaders were trained by attending normal classes, and, if necessary, could see that travelling expenses were provided to the place of meeting.

Think over and pray about the campaign to make the whole parish enthusiastic for the whole world, and decide what you can do.

DO WHAT YOU CAN

If you wish information about methods of arousing and sustaining missionary spirit in a church, write the Educational Secretary at the Church Missions House, telling what has been done and planned in the parish.

A summary of methods and printed information about them is as follows:

(*a*) *Subjects for intercessory prayer* and forms of prayer are found in THE SPIRIT OF MISSIONS under the heading "The Sanctuary of Missions." Other prayers and lists are sent free on application, and the service book used daily at the Church Missions House costs ten cents.

(*b*) *Lists of missionary books* sent on application. In writing, state the kind of reading liked by those for whom the missionary books are desired. Suggestions how to circulate them are found in THE SPIRIT OF MISSIONS for December, 1906, and leaflet 3,003.

(*c*) *Readings at missionary meetings.* Short, well-selected quotations from missionary books in the library help its circulation and prepare individuals for mission study.

(*d*) *Occasional short talks or papers* at missionary meetings. These should be planned to make a definite impression on those present and should also be followed up whenever possible by the circulation of missionary books.

(*e*) *Programme missionary meetings* are a natural development of these occasional talks and papers. For outlines recommended see leaflet 3,007 for Japan, 3,015 for Anglican work in the Pacific, 3,028 for China, and 3,013 for Healing, Teaching and Preaching. As to the advantages of such programme missionary meetings see the first part of leaflet 3,005.

(*f*) *Mission study classes* for small groups of people who are ready to study

missionary lessons in company with others, under the guidance of a leader. Leaflets 3,031, 3,020, 3,022 and 3,019. The relation of such a study class to the programme missionary meeting is given in leaflet 3,005, and the results are suggested in leaflet 3,009. For these classes there are text-books, reference libraries, wall maps and illustrations. Special helps for leaders have been prepared by the Educational Secretary.

(*g*) *Missionary sermons* preached by the rector are a natural and important part of the parish missionary campaign. They should be frequent and should not consist mainly of exhortations to give, but of facts about the work done. Missionary biographies and such books as would be particularly helpful to the clergy are sent by the Educational Secretary on application.

(*h*) *Addresses by returned missionaries.* They are not an essential part of the parish missionary campaign. Their value consists in their ability to arouse interest so that Church people will assume for themselves the duty of knowing about the work for which they pray, and for which they give. Such addresses may be of greater usefulness if the lis-

teners are already familiar with the missionaries and places described by the speaker. This is particularly true if an opportunity is given the listeners to ask questions. The impression made under such circumstances is almost sure to be lasting. When a missionary comes to your parish give him the right of way over everything, but remember that addresses from those outside the parish, however good, should not be depended upon to keep alive the missionary interest. This is in effect pauperizing the parish from a missionary standpoint. Missions should be native to the parish and not simply brought into it on special occasions by outsiders.

(*i*) The knowledge of missions brings with it a new realization of the power of God to reach the heart of every man and the power of every man, by prayer and service, to help fulfil the plan of God. No one can afford to live without this. It is the enthusiasm of Christianity! It is contagious! The whole parish must be enthusiastic for the whole world! Do your part to make it so.

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